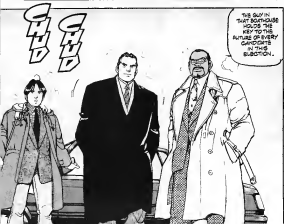


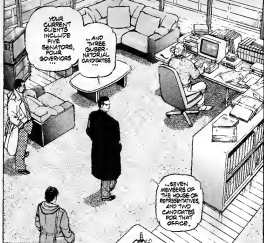
**Gift of the  
Father**











YOUR  
CURRENT  
QUESTS  
INCLUDE  
FIVE  
SENATORS,  
FOUR  
GOVERNORS  
...

...AND  
THREE  
CHIEF-  
MAYORAL  
CANDIDATES  
...

...SEVEN  
MEMBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES,  
AND TWO  
CANDIDATES  
FOR THAT  
OFFICE.



BUT ALTHOUGH  
EVERYONE  
WANTS TO HIRE  
YOU, YOU  
HAVEN'T TAKEN  
ON ANYONE  
FOR THE  
PRESIDENTIAL  
SLECTION.

SO I  
BELIEVE  
YOU'VE  
HAVEN'T  
MADE UP  
YOUR  
MIND ON  
WHO TO  
JOIN.



THE  
DEMOCRATIC  
NOMINEE  
FOR  
PRESIDENT  
WILL BE  
NOMINATED.



YOUR  
EARNINGS  
RIGHT  
NOW  
ARE AT  
10.8%.



AND  
NOAH'S,  
52.2%!

IN  
OTHER WORDS,  
IF YOU  
WERE TO  
COLLECT EVERY  
PONT NOAH  
DOESNT  
HAVE...



WOODSWAN,  
8.2%  
...

GOLDEN,UM,  
2.8%.



...YOU'D  
STILL  
**LOSE!**

I  
ONLY  
WORK WITH  
WINNERS!  
YOU CAN  
GO HOME  
NOW!







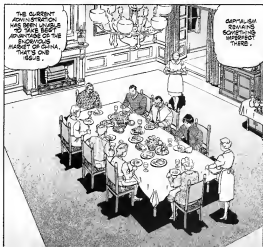














**TAH** Elected as Senator in 1990, Kenneth Yamaoka **TAH** took his first step into the world of politics. **TAH/TAH**

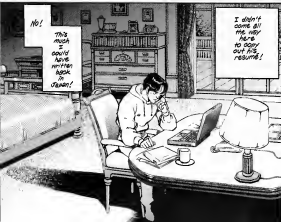
But the seeds of this dream were already planted when Yamaoka attended Yale University, where he met his dorm roommate, the oldest son of the chairman of the First New England Bank, Charles Hampton. **TAH**



No!

This much I could have written back in Japan!

I didn't come all the way here to copy out his resume!







*I'm  
a journalist!*



*And  
I've  
got  
exclusive  
coverage  
on this  
story..*



*...I  
should  
be writing  
something  
only  
I  
know!*



*I  
know  
the  
truth  
about  
Yamaguchi!*







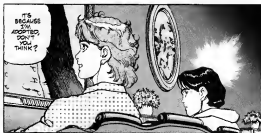


WILLIAM HAMPTON THE FIRST...HE WAS THE ONE WHO MADE OUR FAMILY NAME SLICK IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.



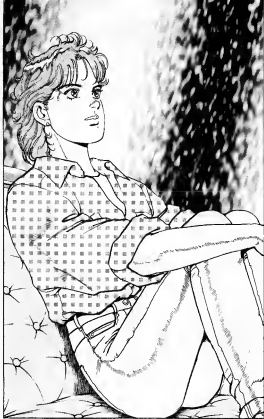
HE BECAME WEALTHY AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. HE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE BOSTON TEA PARTY, YOU KNOW, AND LATER, IN THE REVOLUTION.

HE WAS ALSO THE FOUNDER OF FIRST NEW ENGLAND BANK...

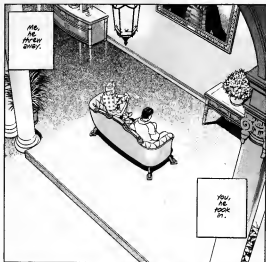












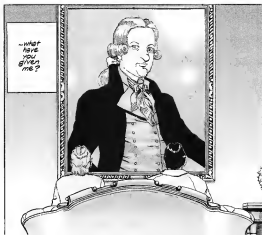
HE,  
HE  
THREW  
AWAY.

YOU,  
HE  
LOOK  
IN.



IF  
YAMATO  
GAVE  
YOU...

...HE  
WILL  
NO  
LOOK  
FORWARD  
...





EVERYONE  
HAS AN  
ACHILLES  
HEEL.

# Scandal

Report #7





YOU  
REMEMBER  
THAT  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
GROUP WHICH  
POSSIBLY TO  
PULL OUT THE  
PROPER  
PAPERWORK...

THIS  
IS  
GOING  
TO  
SEND  
HIS  
NUMBERS  
DOWN...



Almost...  
it  
MIGHT  
WORK...



NOW  
MANAGED  
TO  
SLIP  
OUT  
OF  
IT  
BACK  
THEN...

BUT  
THIS  
TIME  
WE  
MIGHT  
MAKE  
IT  
STICK...



THAT'S  
WHAT  
I  
THINK!  
LET'S  
GO  
FOR  
IT!





I  
ADDED...  
LOOK...  
ALEX...



IF WE  
START A  
SWING  
CAMPAIGN,  
WE'RE JUST  
GOING TO LOOK  
SMALL AND  
CHEAP.

...NOAH'S  
STILL GOT  
A PRETTY  
CLEAN...  
BUT  
REPUTATION...



BUT  
I'VE  
GOT  
EVIDENCE  
HERE  
...

MONEY  
IS WHAT  
POLITICS  
RUNS  
ON,  
ALEX...



YOU TRY  
FINDING  
THAT  
MISSILE,  
AND IT  
JUST MIGHT  
TURN BACK  
ON YOU.









WAAAA



WAAAA

WAAAA



IT'S  
MARINE  
ONE!



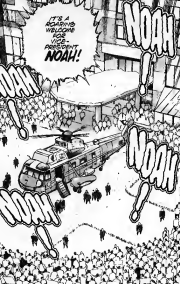
ALBERT  
NOAH!!

THE  
DEMOCRATIC  
CANDIDATES  
ARE  
ARRIVING  
ONE BY  
ONE...

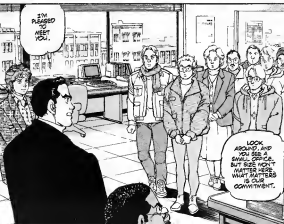
—HERE IN  
MANCHESTER  
NEW HAMPSHIRE—  
SITE OF  
THE FIRST  
IN-THE-  
NATION  
PRESIDENTIAL  
PRIMARY.

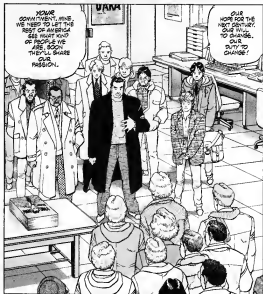
AND  
NOW THE  
RIGHT-TO-LIFE  
ALBERT HOOCH,  
IS COMING  
TO LAND IN  
THE PRESIDENT'S  
OWN HELICOPTER.  
RIGHT HERE  
IN FRONT OF  
THE HOLLEY  
HILL.

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Globe











**HURRAH!**









THEY  
WENT THREE  
TIMES IN  
THIS PRIVATE  
ROOMS  
AT HIS  
CLIFFSIDE  
HOTEL..



THAT'S NOT  
PROOF POSITIVE  
THAT THEY'RE  
ACTUALLY  
SLEEPING  
TOGETHER, BUT  
THIS SHOULD BE  
ENOUGH TO  
STIR THINGS  
UP.

NOW,  
YOU EVEN  
GOT COPIES  
OF  
THE 2  
RECEIPTS  
?



GOLDGILL'S  
CARRIAGE  
SLOAN IS  
"LET'S REBUILD THE  
AMERICAN FAMILY."  
HE'S BEEN  
PROTECTING THE  
MADE OF  
THE GOOD  
FATHER..



WELL,  
THEN THIS  
WOULD  
BEING  
MAN  
DOWN  
NOTION.









IT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER  
WHETHER  
GOLDBLUM  
IS ACTUALLY  
HAVING AN  
AFFAIR OR  
NOT.

WHAT'S  
IMPORTANT  
IS HOW  
GOLDBLUM  
DEALS  
WITH  
THIS  
KIND OF  
SCANDAL..



ANYONE  
WHO  
BELIEVES  
UNDER  
THIS  
KIND OF  
PRESSURE ...



...*THAT'S*  
THE  
SECRET  
I'LL  
REVEAL!



...DOESN'T  
OBLIGATE  
TO BE  
PRESIDENT..











The  
second  
would  
be  
huge.

Wouldn't  
it,  
Mom?



Mom  
no?



Mom  
but god  
please...  
dying  
on top  
of this...

Where  
did their  
photo  
on the  
cabin  
go?





Maybe  
she  
was...



By  
himself?  
?

C-Come  
on... That's  
just paranoid.  
Then... then  
why did  
he invite  
me here?

Did he  
think I  
was a  
bomb expert...?  
To defuse  
a bomb that  
might ruin his  
career?



*You  
think that  
as long  
as you're  
by my  
side, I  
won't go  
public?*

*What  
is it?  
What  
are you  
thinking?*

# Father and Son





ONE  
OF THE MAJOR  
CONTRIVERS FOR  
THE DEMOCRATIC  
PRESIDENTIAL  
NOMINATION,  
NEW YORK GOVERNOR  
BILL GOLDBLUM,  
HAS ANNOUNCED  
AN EMERGENCY  
PRESS CONFERENCE.

WE  
WAN  
JONE

ALL WE  
WANT  
IS  
MICHAEL J

IT  
SEEMS TO BE  
IN RESPONSE TO  
REPORTS RELEASED  
THIS MORNING  
CONCERNING THE  
POSSIBILITY THAT  
THE GOVERNOR  
HAD AN  
EXTRA-MARITAL  
AFFAIR...

GOLDBLUM  
RANKS SECOND  
ONLY TO  
VICE-PRESIDENT  
HOLM IN THE  
MOST RECENT  
NEW YORK-STATE  
POLLS, AT  
12.5 %.

WE WANT  
WOODSMAN

WE W  
WOODSMAN





DO YOU ARE DENYING THE CLAIM THAT YOU HAD AN ILLEGAL AFFAIR?



I ABSOLUTELY DENY IT. MARYGROBEN IS AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF MY STAFF. OUR RELATIONSHIP IS STRICTLY PROFESSIONAL.



WHY THEN WERE YOU TWO LEAVING A PRIVATE ROOM?

WE HAD TO DISCUSS SOME PRESSING MATTERS CONCERNING OUR CAMPAIGN STRATEGY AND WE WANTED TO BE OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE.



ACCORDING TO THESE RECEIPTS, THOUGH, YOU ORDERED TWO BOTTLES OF WINE THAT ONE EVENING.



YES...



DO YOU ALWAYS DRINK THAT MUCH WHEN IT COMES TO "PRESSING MATTERS"?





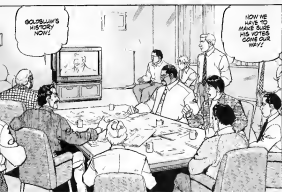


THE  
"AMERICAN  
FATHER"...

...WITHOUT  
A  
SHADE  
BLUSH.



HE THINKS  
OUT TO BE  
A WISDOM, NO,  
ONCE  
UNDER  
ATTACK.



GOLDEN  
HISTORY  
NOW!

NOW HE  
HAVE TO  
MAKE SURE  
HIS VOTES  
COME OUR  
WAY!





UPRRRRROOM

















SO YOU SEE  
HOW KENICHI  
YAMADA  
IS SO PERFECT?



ELECTED  
SENATOR  
FIRST  
TIME  
AROUND!



GRADUATING  
AT THE TOP  
OF HIS CLASS  
AT 18, ONE  
OF THE FIRST  
LAWYERS IN  
THE COUNTRY.



HE  
LOOKS  
AT ME  
LIKE I'M  
SOME KIND  
OF LOSER,  
JO!

I  
CAN'T  
TAKE  
THAT  
LOOK...



A son  
crushed  
under  
the  
enormity  
of his  
father.



Or  
maybe  
just a  
child of  
privilege,  
who's  
ungrateful.



Bitter  
men,  
though.

I  
could  
have  
been  
him!







YOU  
PUBLISH  
THIS AND  
THEN  
YOU'LL  
SEE SOME  
HEADLINES!

ARE  
YOU  
CRAZY,  
ALEX?!



YOU  
KNOW  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
DOING  
HERE?



WE  
HAVE  
TO  
WORK  
TOGETHER  
AS  
A  
FAMILY!



CAN'T  
YOU  
SEE  
HOW  
DAD'S  
COUNTING  
ON  
YOU?





*But  
I won't  
be  
swallowed  
up in  
this.*

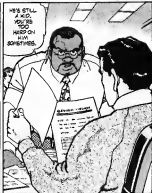
*I'll  
figure  
you out  
not as  
your son,  
but  
as a  
journalist.*











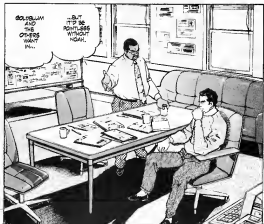






**Dustoff**

**Report #9**















"THEY  
CALLED  
WHAT  
WE  
DID A  
'WASTOFF'."



**RRRRRR**

**RRRRRR**

"IT WAS  
MAY 30,  
1972."

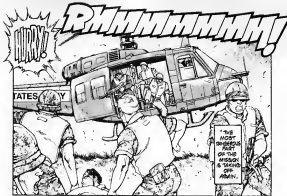
**RRRRRR**



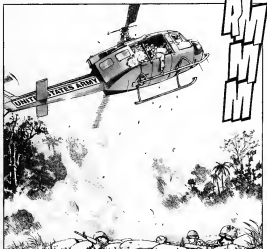
"THAT  
DAY THE  
CALL  
WENT  
OUT TO  
CUSTOMER  
FOR 'C'  
COMPANY,  
FIFTH  
BATTALION,  
MARINES."

**RRRRRRRR**















"I SAW A LOT OF MEN DIE BUT I NEVER HEARD DYING WORDS LIKE THAT.



"THAT WAS KENNETH YAMADA.



"I ASSUMED THAT THE YOUNG MAN WAS DEAD.

"THE NEXT YEAR I RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE AND CAME BACK TO NEW YORK.



"RETURNING LIKE WE DIDN'T GIVEN MUCH RESPECT WHEN WE RETURNED.

"TO HONORIZE BY OUR DEATH, EVERYONE WAS JUST TIRED OF IT ALL. THE ENTIRE NATION JUST WANTED TO FORGET THE WAR EVER HAPPENED.



"I GOT A  
JOB WORKING  
FOR A SMALL  
TRUCKING  
COMPANY,  
BUT YOU  
CAUGHT IT  
FROM BOTH  
SIDES.

"OUTSIDE  
FROM THE  
COUNTRY YOU  
CAME BACK  
TO, AND  
INSIDE, FROM  
WHAT YOU  
COULDN'T  
GET OUT  
OF YOUR  
HEAD...



"FOR  
WHO,  
THEN,  
AND  
FOR  
WHAT  
DID  
WE  
FIGHT?



"A LOT OF  
US SHIPPED  
UP, LOST  
TRYING TO  
FIND THAT  
ANSWER...

"...AND  
THE  
WOUNDS  
ONLY  
GOT  
DEEPER.



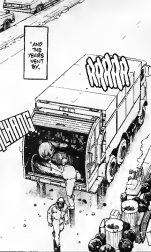
"WITHOUT  
ANY  
MORE, I  
SHIPPED  
FROM  
ONE  
JOB TO  
ANOTHER.



"I WAS GOING  
AHEAD,  
BUT...AND  
MY  
WIFE AND  
THINGS  
WERE ONLY  
GOING  
TO GET  
WORSE...



"...AND  
SHE  
LEFT ME,  
TAKING  
THE  
KIDS  
WITH  
HER...









**YOU!  
YOU'RE STILL  
ALIVE,  
MAN!**

"I  
MET  
MAN  
EIGHTEEN  
YEARS  
LATER  
IN  
THE  
WINTER  
SHOW."













**Report #10**

**Vice-President  
Albert Noah**





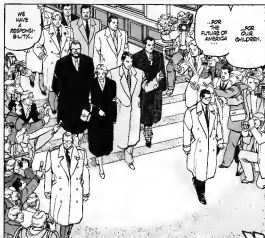






**FWOOSH**

















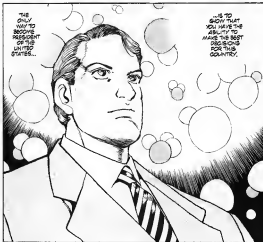


NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
DATA  
ACCUMULATES...  
AS LONG AS  
MY ANALYSIS  
IS CORRECT,  
I WILL HAVE  
A MINIMAL  
MARGIN OF  
ERROR.

# WELCOME VICE-PRESIDENT ALBERT NOAH

THE  
ONLY  
WAY TO  
BECOME  
PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
UNITED  
STATES...

...IS TO  
SHOW THAT  
YOU HAVE THE  
ABILITY TO  
MAKE THE BEST  
DECISIONS  
FOR THIS  
COUNTRY.



FRANKLIN  
D. ROOSEVELT  
USED  
RADIO...

...JOHN  
F. KENNEDY  
USED  
TELEVISION.

# WE WELCOME VICE-PRESIDENT ALBERT NOAH

...AND I,  
ALBERT  
NOAH

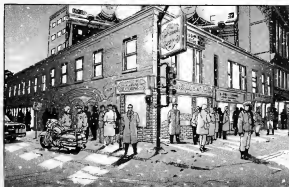
...WILL  
BE  
AMERICA'S  
FIRST  
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PRESIDENT



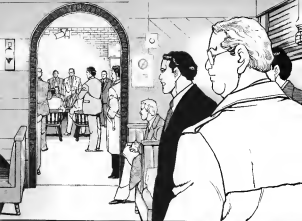




















# Stalemate

Report #11



**Abstract**



HOW ABOUT  
A LOT  
OF  
COURTESY?



CAN  
 WE HAVE  
 AN EXTRA  
 SEAT  
 FOR THE  
 PASSENGER?

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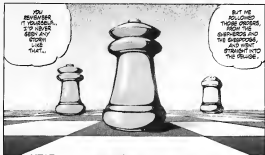












YOU  
REMEMBER  
IT YOURSELF...  
I'D NEVER  
SEEN ANY  
STORY  
LIKE  
THAT...

BUT WE  
FOLLOWED  
THOSE ORDERS,  
FROM THE  
SQUAD-LEADS AND  
THE SHERIFFS,  
AND WENT  
STRAIGHT INTO  
THE ORANGE.



WE  
DIDN'T KNOW  
ANYTHING...  
NO, WE  
DIDN'T  
EVEN  
TRY TO  
KNOW...

...WHETHER  
THERE  
WAS A  
FLOOD...OR  
WHY HE  
HAD TO  
CROSS  
IT.



WE  
DIDN'T  
EVEN  
KNOW  
THAT  
WE  
WERE  
SHIPPED!



"HONORANCE  
PROVIDES  
US WITH  
THE  
EXCUSE  
FOR ALL  
ACTS  
OF POLLY.  
IT  
REPLACES  
GUILT."

*"IT'S THE  
CATALYST FOR  
VIOLENCE."*



"HONORANCE  
IS  
THE  
BLOOD-RED  
GROUND  
FOR ALL  
HUMAN  
EVIL."



















YOU'RE  
RIGHT?

IT'S A  
STALE  
MATE!



HA HA  
HA HA...  
THIS IS  
GREAT!

TODDSON'S  
HEADLINES!

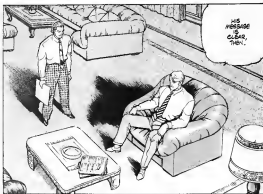


THAT  
WAS  
CLOSE,  
AL...

IF YOU'D  
LOST, THEY  
WOULD  
HAVE  
PUNISHED  
YOU FOR  
BREAKFAST...



IT'S  
A  
DAY.









The next morning, the major newspapers read, "Nash vs. Vandenberg: Showdown."



The New Hampshire Primary was...



...beginning to catch fire.